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JUNE IN THE GARDEN

June has been full of sun and heavy rain, but we are excited that summer is finally on its way to us! The vegetables and flowers are growing in the garden, filling the space with color and beauty. The dragonflies, butterflies, and bees are gracefully dancing in the air. It feels so good to spend the day outside!

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

With the arrival of summer, we also welcome the arrival of two summer environmental interns to help out in the garden! Meet Doron and Declan!

Doron is a rising junior with a passion for nature! She loves spending her free time hiking, planting, and baking, especially using ingredients she has picked from the garden. She looks forward to adding color and growth to the Lemberg community!



Declan is a rising senior with a passion for ecology and conservation. He likes to spend time hiking and taking pictures of wildlife to share on iNaturalist. He looks forward to interacting with a variety of wildlife and making many new connections at Lemberg!



ACTIVITIES IN THE GARDEN Planting in the Playground!

With the supervision of the Garden Team, the preschool students planted nasturtium seeds in the long garden bed situated in the preschool playground. With enthusiasm, friends also helped draw and create signs, which were put in the garden bed to show what was growing there.





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Planting poppies and marigolds

As the Garden Team was prepping the empty garden bed in the swing area for new plants, the Pathfinders kindly offered their help. The students planted marigold and poppy seeds into the soil and diligently helped water the new seeds. They also helped put the plant signs into the garden bed to identify what was growing there. Thanks, Pathfinders! We appreciate you!



Can I have another seed?



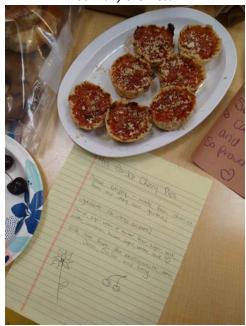
I am watering the seeds!!

Cherry Pies

The cherry trees in the garden have so many fruits! The Garden Team picked some to make mini cherry tarts for the community to enjoy. Even the little critters like squirrels, birds, and chipmunks enjoyed the fruits in the garden.



So many cherries!



Take one home!

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LOOKING AHEAD

For our next activity, the Garden Team is planning a flower-dyeing project with the preschool students where we will be dyeing white flowers with blue and red food coloring to get ready for the Fourth of July! We also look forward to making refreshing snacks and drinks with the students using the mint, basil, and fruits that are growing in the garden!



Picking cherries



Lang, Doron, and Declan



The bird is eating a cherry!

Please reach out to Lang if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions at langcheng@brandeis.edu.

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